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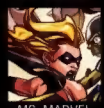
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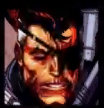
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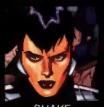
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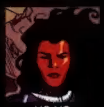
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THE HOOD

The shape-shifting alien race known as the Skrulls has begun their invasion of Earth.

First they deployed a well planned secret invasion using their shape-shifting ability to seed mistrust among the Avengers and other heroes around the world. Now they have struck fast and hard, first coaxing both the sanctioned and underground Avengers to the faraway Savage Land to be hunted by Skrulls posing as their counterparts and long lost loved ones from an earlier time.

Next, Skrull agents posing as humans all over the world act: DUM DUM DUGAN, agent of S.H.I.E.L.D.; JARVIS, Avengers butler; CAPTAIN MARVEL, the Kree warrior; HANK PYM, Founding Avenger; all launch their part of the attack...the invasion has begun with a bang, as they send a virus through the mainframe of Starktech that shuts down S.H.I.E.L.D. -- and Iron Man's battle armor. Next, they send the Fantastic Four's Baxter Building into the abyss of the Negative Zone and capture Reed Richards, enemy of the Skrull state.

Finally, a ground assault in the form of thousands of super-powered Skrulls touches down in Manhattan, and quickly dispatched the young heroes left from the in-training Initiative. The Skrulls start to systematically execute the heroes on TV for the world to see, when Nick Fury shows up with a brand new team of Howling Commandos...

Back in the Savage Land, Spider-Woman reveals herself to Tony Stark as the Skrull queen, and tells him that he is the greatest sleeper agent in the history of the Skrull Empire...

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"IT'S AN INVASION.
"IT'S ALREADY HAPPENED.
"OPEN YOUR EYES.
"IT'S WAR.
"IT ALWAYS HAS BEEN.
"BUT NOW? NOW IT'S GOING TO GET UGLY BEFORE IT GETS...NOT.
"AND IF YOU THINK THIS IS BAD...
"WELL...
"THE EMPIRE HAS TAKEN THE PLANET EARTH FOR THEIR OWN.
"IT'S OURS. THAT'S HAPPENED.
"AND THE HUMAN RACE, WELL, NOW THEY ARE JUST THIS THING STANDING IN OUR WAY.
"SOMETHING WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH.
"WE'VE STUDIED THE HUMAN RACE. WE KNOW THEY UNDERSTAND THIS PERFECTLY.
"WE KNOW THEY'D HAVE DONE THE SAME.
"THEY HAVE DONE THE SAME.

"IF THERE'S SOMETHING THEY WANT, THEY TAKE IT.
"IF, IN THE NAME OF THEIR GOD OR MONEY OR BOTH, THEY BELIEVE SOMETHING TO BE THEIRS...
"...THEY JUST TAKE IT.
"THEY EXTERMINATE THE INDIGENOUS AND JUST SETTLE IN.
"AND WHEN IT'S ALL SAID AND DONE, THEY WRITE THE HISTORY BOOKS THEMSELVES AND THEY MAKE SURE THEY COME OUT THE HEROES.
"'ALL HAIL THE CONQUERING HEROES.'
"AS FAR AS I CAN TELL, THEY'VE DONE THIS FOR AS LONG AS MAN HAS BEEN ABLE TO.
"BUT TODAY--HOW THIS GOES TODAY--THIS WAS PREDETERMINED.
"PREORDAINED.
"THEY'LL FIGURE THAT OUT EVENTUALLY.
"IT'S NOT A BATTLE TO WIN OR LOSE.
"IT'S NOT A BATTLE.

"BUT FIRST--THEY'RE GOING TO FOLLOW THEIR BIOLOGICAL INSTINCTS AND...
"WHAT'S A PHRASE THEY WOULD TURN?
"FREAK OUT.
"AND THAT IS UNDERSTANDABLE.
"IT'S TOO BAD. BECAUSE IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THAT WAY.
"IT WOULD BE NICE IF THEY TRIED TO FIGHT THE URGE.
"TRY TO SEE THE BIG PICTURE.
"IT WOULD BE A LOT EASIER FOR ALL OF US IF THEY COULD.
"OH, WELL.

"BUT, AND THIS IS THE POINT, THIS ISN'T THEIR HOME.
"IT NEVER WAS.
"IF IT WAS, IT WOULDN'T BE SO EASY TO TAKE AWAY FROM THEM.
"IT WOULDN'T BE SO EASY TO DOMINATE THEM."
FASHAMM
AGH!!
SCRAAAZZZ
SHAAAA
Newsweek
DOOM

"I'M NOT SAYING THEY WON'T PUT UP A FIGHT. FIGHT THEY WILL.
"THEY MAY EVEN HAVE A TRICK OR TWO UP THEIR SLEEVES.
FISPAC LATUNTA!
HEY, LOOK AT THAT, MY FIRST EVER ALIEN!
NICK FURY?
LET'S NOT DALLY, COMMANDOS!! DO WHAT WE CAME HERE TO DO!!
"GIVE THEMSELVES SOME FALSE HOPE.
HOOFAH!!
ALRIGHT! LET 'EM HAVE IT, STONEWALL.
Y'KNOW, DAISY, I'M NOT MARRIED TO THAT NAME YOU GAVE ME.
TOO BAD.
HEY!
WATCH THE 'DO!
SORRY, YO YO. I'M STILL A LITTLE GREEN AROUND THE EARS WITH THIS WHOLE WHATEVER THIS IS...
DRUID, GIVE ME SOME MAGIC!! I NEED A PATH.
FALANA MUSTANANINA!
THERE YOU GO.
GOTTA TELL YA, KID, I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT A LITTLE BOY GOD OF FEAR WAS GONNA DO HERE, BUT LOOK AT THAT?
GOT THEM BEATING THE HELL OUT OF EACH OTHER INSTEAD OF US!
I'M SAYIN' IT'S ALRIGHT.
AND I'M SAYING, I WISH I WOULD HAVE KNOWN I COULD DO THIS IN FIFTH GRADE.
OKAY, YA PUNKS, LET'S WRAP IT UP!!
I GOT THINGS TO DO!!
KRAKOOM

"BUT THEY WON'T WIN NO MATTER WHAT THEY DO.
"AND I'LL TELL YOU WHY.
NOT SURE YOU SKRULLS BROUGHT ENOUGH-- HA!
FOOM
SCRAPE
"BECAUSE, AND THIS IS IMPORTANT, THEY WON'T KNOW WHO TO FIGHT.
SCRAW!
KRAKOOM
"IN A WAR, IN A FIGHT, YOU HAVE TO BE ABLE TO TRUST THE ONE NEXT TO YOU.
"THEY NEED TO TRUST EACH OTHER.
"AND NOW THEY CAN'T.
SKRASH

"UP IS DOWN, BLACK IS WHITE.
"FRIENDS ARE ENEMIES AND ENEMIES ARE FRIENDS.
FURY? COMMANDER?!
GOT EVERYONE?
PRETTY MUCH.
LET'S ROLL.
WHAT ABOUT MS. MARVEL?
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THIS ONE.
"AND WITH THAT COMES PAUSE.
"THAT MEANS THEY CAN'T TRUST EACH OTHER ANYMORE.
"TOUGH DECISIONS WILL BE MADE BY PEOPLE WHO CAN MAKE THOSE KINDS OF DECISIONS.
KRRRAAAAABOOM
AAGGHH!!
BOOM
BUT--
SKRULL'S A SKRULL.
QUAKE, COVER OUR EXIT.

"IMAGINE WANTING TO FIGHT FOR OR--OR JUST HOLD THE ONE YOU LOVE.
"AND YET NOT KNOWING IF IT'S REALLY THEM.
RRUUMMMMMBBBLLLLLEEE
"TIMES IT BY A THOUSAND. A MILLION.
"IMAGINE THE MADNESS.
"AND ALL THE MISTRUST, JEALOUSY, HATE, FEAR AND BETRAYAL...
"THE FUNNY OF IT IS-- HALF OF IT WE PLANTED, THE OTHER HALF THEY BROUGHT WITH THEM.
"THEY'D HALF-DEFEATED THEMSELVES BEFORE WE EVEN GOT STARTED.
"THEY ALREADY DIDN'T KNOW WHO TO TRUST.
"AND WE JUST SAT BACK AND WAITED TILL ALL THE PARANOIA HAD BUILT TO HYSTERIA.
"WE WAITED TILL THEY WERE ATTACKING AND KILLING EACH OTHER.
"AND WHEN THEY WERE DONE. THAT'S WHEN WE LET THEM KNOW...
"THE WAR HAD HAPPENED AND THEY ALREADY LOST.

"SO HERE WE ARE...
"THEY'LL HIT BACK AT US.
"THEY'LL LASH OUT.
"BUT WE'RE READY."
THEY'LL SCRAMBLE BACK TOGETHER.
THEY'LL COME TO YOU FOR LEADERSHIP.
SAVAGE LAND
ONLY TO DISCOVER THAT YOU ARE NOT TONY STARK.
YOU ARE NOT IRON MAN.
YOU ARE ONE OF US.
THE REAL TONY STARK IS LONG GONE.
I KNOW TODAY IS A HARD DAY FOR YOU AND I KNOW YOU DON'T REMEMBER VOLUNTEERING FOR ANY OF IT.
BUT THIS IS WHAT YOU WANTED.
FOR YOURSELF. FOR THE EMPIRE.
AND I PROMISED YOU I WOULD BE THERE TO HELP YOU THROUGH IT.
AND HERE I AM. WE WILL REHABILITATE YOU.
WE WILL FIND YOU A WAY BACK TO YOUR TRUE FORM AND FIND A WAY TO BRING YOU BACK TO THE THRONEWORLD.
TONY STARK.
YOUR REAL NAME IS KL'RIKI DULU.
AND WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE...
YOU ARE THE GREATEST WARRIOR IN THE EMPIRE.
RUSSLE

A SELFLESS HERO TO OUR PEOPLE.
OH MY STARS AND--
HEY, IS THAT--?
BUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDABUDDAB
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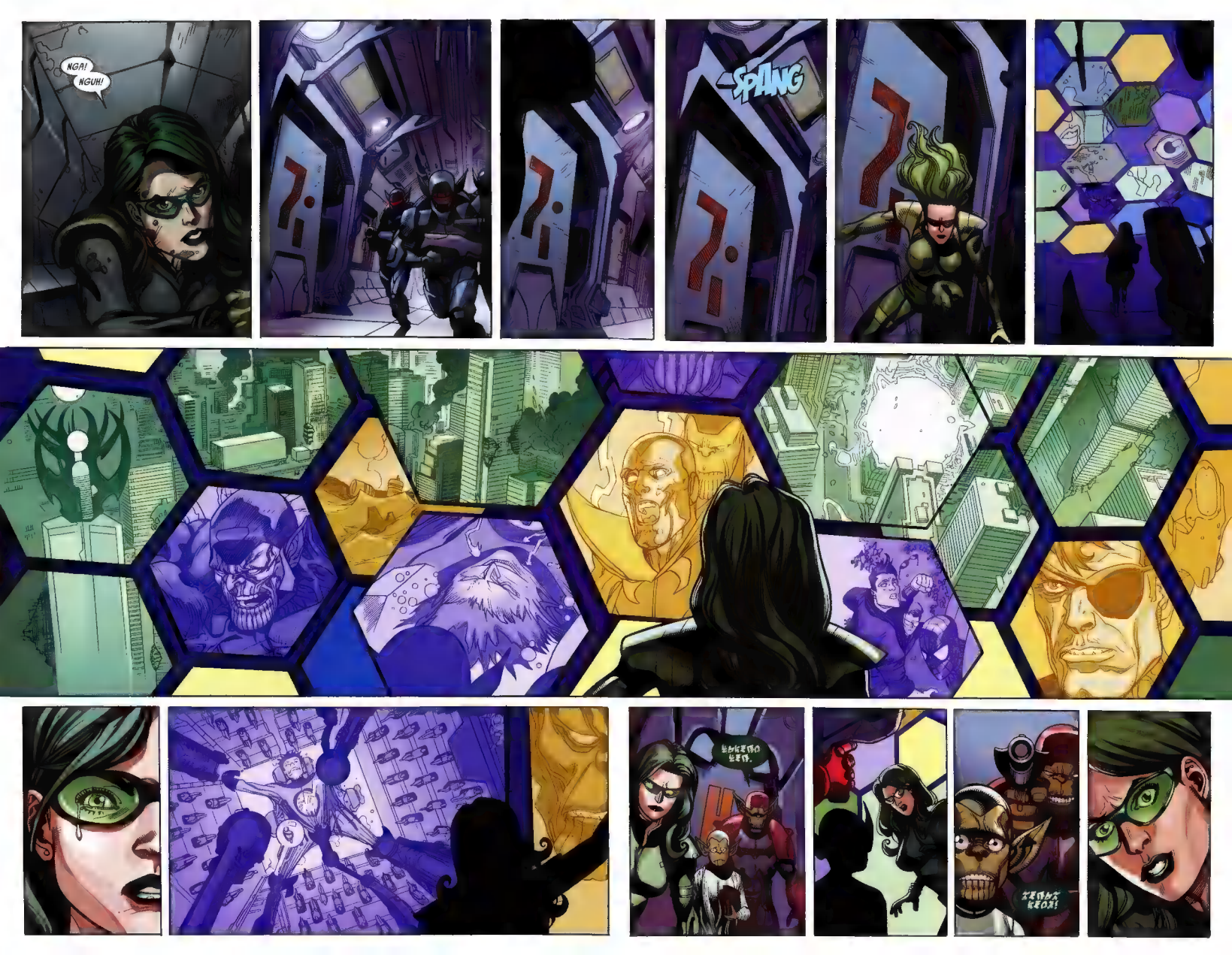
OKAY, TONY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
MMMIGHT BE A SKRULL.
YOU'RE NOT A SKRULL. SHE WAS WORKING YOU OVER.
NO.
TONY, FOCUS.
HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU'RE NOT?
THEY POISONED YOU, TONY.
NO, NO...
THEY COULD HAVE KILLED ME. THEY DIDN'T--
THEY'RE WORKING YOU BECAUSE THERE'S FIVE PEOPLE ON THE PLANET THAT CAN STOP THIS AND YOU'RE ONE OF THEM.
AND IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO TAKE YOU OUT, THEY WANT YOU DEFEATED.
THEY COULD HAVE KILLED ME. SHE HAD ME.
THEY COULD HAVE KILLED YOU WITH A POISON MATZOH BALL BEFORE YOU WENT TO BED.
THEY'RE KILLING THEMSELVES JUST TO GET TO YOU.
KILLING YOU ISN'T THE POINT.
THEY WANT TO DO TO YOU WHAT YOU DID TO THEM.
TONY...
IRON MAN...
SKRULL OR NOT.
I'M ASKING, RIGHT NOW, DO YOU WANT TO KILL ME OR KILL THEM?
THEM.
LET'S GO WITH THAT FEELING THEN.
AND WORRY ABOUT THE REST LATER.
SOME MORE NOISE WHY DON'TCHA?

RUDDA RUDDA RUDDA RUDDA RUDDA RUDDA
SON OF A--
DAMN IT, 'TASHA.
GIVE ME THE WORD.
AGH!!
GIVE IT TO ME!!!
CARROT STICKS.
AGH!
WHOSE WORD IS THAT?
SORRY ABOUT THAT, LOGAN.
I'M SHOOTING FIRST, ASKING QUESTIONS LATER UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
NOW HEAL UP AND GO RECON FOR JESSICA DREW. IF YOU SEE HER, SLICE HER.
WHERE'D CAROL GO, TONY? SHE TOOK YOU OUT OF THE FIGHT?
I SENT CAROL TO NEW YORK.
I NEED TO KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NEW YORK.
WE GOTTA GET YOU OUTTA HERE.
EVERY SKRULL IN THIS PLACE KNOWS YOU'RE HERE NOW.
HE'S RIGHT. REBUILD THE ARMOR. REBOOT. LET'S GO.
WE NEED REED RICHARDS.

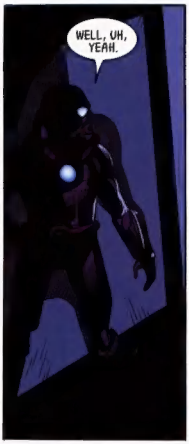

NGA!
NGUH!
SPANG

S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER, BERMUDA TRIANGLE
SHOULD I ASK HOW LONG YOU'VE BEEN A SKRULL AGENT, JARVIS?
MS. HILL, WE ARRANGED YOUR POSITION IN S.H.I.E.L.D FOR A REASON.
IT IS TIME FOR THE HUMANS' SURRENDER.
PLEASE DO SO PUBLICLY.
AND IN RETURN, WE WILL SPARE YOUR LIFE AND FIND A PLACE FOR YOU IN THE TRANSITION.
UH-HUH.
YOU DO KNOW YOU'RE ABOARD MY SHIP.
HMMM.
I DON'T THINK YOU'RE SEEING THE GRAVITY OF YOUR SITUATION.
WE ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT YOUR SURRENDER.

BROOKLYN.

LIVE
WHADDA WE DO, HOOD?
GET EVERYONE. EVERYONE WE CAN GET.
WE'RE GOIN' IN?
ITS NOT *OUR* FIGHT! LET THE HEROES AND THE ALIENS ALL KILL *EACH OTHER*.

NO MORE EARTH IS BAD FOR BUSINESS, YES?


WELL, UH, YEAH.

GET EVERYONE.

CENTRAL PARK WEST.
OH MY GOD!!
WHAT ABOUT THE SUBWAYS? CAN WE GO IN THE SUBWAYS?
MY PHONE'S DEAD!
YEAH, UH, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT!
PLEASE, LORD, PLEASE MAKE IT STOP...
KRAKABOOM

TO BE CONTINUED...